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A Disappointment

HONGKONG, naturally, is disappointed that those responsible for the preparation of the Duke of Edinburgh's tour had it impossible to rearrange the programme to allow His Royal Highness to visit the Colony.

It is readily understood, however, that royal tour itineraries have to be worked out in minute detail well in advance; wherefore nobody will plead astonishment over the rejection of Hongkong's request. As we previously observed, the Colony will accept its disappointment gracefully. It also acknowledges the fact that Government acted without delay in conveying to London the sentiments and desires of the community, once those had been made manifest. The only regret is that a word was not put in earlier on Hongkong's behalf when it was known preparations for the tour were in hand.

It may be of some consolation to know that Hongkong is not the only British possession in the South Pacific which will be denied the privilege of entertaining the Duke. So tight is his schedule that although the Britannia will be passing very close to Brunei, Borneo and Sarawak, he will have no time to call on any of them. They, perhaps, have more reason than Hongkong to feel frustrated.

Nevertheless, the Duke's message to the Hongkong government plainly indicated that he would very much like the opportunity of seeing something of us, as well as other British territories in the Far East, and because there is a growing agitation throughout the Commonwealth for more frequent royal visits, it is conceivable that within the next three or four years we may even be given the privilege of receiving both Her Majesty the Queen and her consort.

Such an historic event would fully compensate for our present disappointment, and could be well worth waiting for.

Health Safeguard

THAT any objection should be raised to a proposal which seeks to safeguard the health of the community is somewhat puzzling, and if Dr A. M. S. Bell experienced that feeling at Tuesday's Urban Council meeting many will sympathise with her.

The lady councillor is seeking to have implemented health protection regulations long since approved by the Council, though her proposal was specifically couched to reduce the dangers of TB infection in cafes, restaurants and food canteens.

The wisdom, in principle, of this proposition cannot seriously be queried. It constitutes a positive and progressive attempt to reduce the incidence of infectious tuberculosis. Dr Bell wants future employees in restaurants, cafes and food canteens to undergo TB medical examinations before they are given employment. It appears as being an eminently desirable precaution, not in the least discredited by the argument that many customers who patronise public eating houses are themselves TB sufferers and thereby can contaminate food and eating utensils.

Eradication of TB or its infection dangers cannot be accomplished overnight, but anything of a practical nature that will help to reduce its threat to the community earns approval and should be effected.

The proposal made by Dr Bell may not be easy to implement, but we agree with her that the difficulties are not insurmountable. Her idea deserves the support of the Urban Council.

SUEZ TALKS DEADLOCK

NASSER REFUSES TO YIELD

MENZIES ASKS FOR TIME TO STUDY CAIRO VIEWS

Cairo, Sept. 5.

President Nasser and the Australian Premier, Mr R. G. Menzies, failed to break the deadlock in their negotiations tonight.

Mr Menzies' five-nation committee asked for time to study the Egyptian President's ideas for the future of the Suez Canal.

A meeting lasting an hour and three quarters between Colonel Nasser and the Menzies Mission tonight ended without a new meeting being fixed.

France-Press said Colonel Nasser insisted that control of the Canal must be exclusively Egyptian, according to an informed source.

Union Leader Seeks Cuts In Imports Of HK Cotton

Brighton, Sept. 5.

The Trade Union Congress today decided to send to its General Council for further consideration a motion expressing concern at the effect on Britain's cotton industry of "unfair competition from overseas."

Sir Alfred Roberts, of the National Association of Card, Blowing and Ringroom operatives, who moved the resolution, told Congress that the cotton industry in Britain was in jeopardy because of the "free and unrestricted" flow of imports of cotton goods from India and Hongkong.

His motion "noted with concern the serious effect which unfair competition from overseas having upon trade and employment" in the industry and said action should be taken "to safeguard the industry from unfair competition and from the effects of unlimited duty-free imports from overseas."

190 Close Down

Sir Alfred Roberts said there had been a loss of 87,000 workers to the industry in four years, a total of 100 mills had closed down since 1954 and the number of workers on short time was about 14,000.

"The free and unrestricted flow of imports of cotton goods particularly from India and Hongkong has been the main cause," he said.

"We don't object to competition on a reasonable basis but this competition from India and Hongkong is not fair competition."

Britain had to pay world prices for cotton and India did not, he claimed. Hongkong had very low tariffs and wages paid there in the best mills were less than half those paid in Britain, and in the worst mills, less than a quarter.

"Confidence throughout the industry has been completely undermined. We fear that unless some restriction is placed upon these imports we will be in a hopeless situation. We are not asking for complete exclusion of these goods but for some limitation on a fair basis," he added.

No Moderation

The Trades Union Congress meeting in Brighton today rejected an appeal by the Government to moderate workers' wage claims.

The Congress at the same time condemned, in terms of unusual violence, the economic policy of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Harold Macmillan.

Delegates to the Congress unanimously adopted a resolution accusing the Government of responsibility for the present inflation and for the dangers threatening the country's exports.

The source said Menzies explained at length the need for international control of the Canal.

Although the two viewpoints never met, the meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere, the source said. Colonel Nasser, in his address, avoided categorical statements which might have led to a breaking off of the talks.

Mr Menzies emerged from tonight's meeting at the Presidency Building smiling, but he told waiting correspondents: "The discussions are still continuing. I have nothing further to say."

In response to questions he added: "I never said I was either optimistic or pessimistic. We are still talking in a friendly atmosphere."

The American delegate, Mr Loy Henderson, refused to comment.

HITCH DENIED

Authoritative sources said the five nations wanted more time "for closer examination of certain aspects discussed tonight." They indicated that it may be a study of Egyptian counter proposals.

A five-nation strategy session will be held tomorrow morning and if the work is completed there will probably be another meeting with Colonel Nasser tomorrow evening.

He has agreed to meet the Committee whenever it desires, the sources said. They denied the temporary adjournment of the talks was a sign of a hitch.

It was only a sign that the Committee was "being very thorough," they said.

Delegates later attended a sumptuous dinner party given by Colonel Nasser at the Maitland Palace former residence of Egypt's crown prince.

Mr Menzies, clad in a light grey suit, was the first to arrive. The dinner was held under floodlights in the famous ornamental garden, full of cactus plants from all over the world gathered by Prince Mohamed Ali.

The palace stands on an island in the middle of the Nile.

MEETS ENVOYS

France-Press said Mr Menzies tonight received the Cairo ambassadors of the 18 countries which approved the Suez Canal internationalisation plan at last month's London conference.

He met the diplomats at the Australian Legation for a general discussion of the Suez problem.

Earlier plans to invite all diplomatic ambassadors chiefs in Cairo were abandoned.

A spokesman for the Menzies Mission said a visit earlier today by Mr Ali Gholi Ardalan, Iranian Foreign Minister, to President Nasser had been fully approved by other members of the mission.—United Press & France-Press.

COULDN'T PAY

Paris, Sept. 5. The Suez Canal Company said today it had not been able to pay on September 1 the annual interest on its three per cent debentures, nor had it been able to reimburse those debentures which had fallen due the same day.

The company said in a communique that it had, before nationalisation, constituted the necessary funds in Egypt to meet these payments when they fell due.

It added that it had been informed that the Bank in Egypt had not been able to carry out

payments because of the seizure by the Egyptian Government of the Company's assets following nationalisation.

The payment of the debentures must, under a long standing legal decision be made in Egypt, the communique added. The debentures referred to were second series debentures.

Business on the Suez Canal debentures was suspended today on the Paris Stock Exchange.—Reuter.

FRENCH PLANS

Nicosia, Sept. 5. French Army sources said tonight that about 7,000 French troops might be stationed in Cyprus during the Suez emergency.

The sources said the first shipment of French forces was due to arrive tomorrow. These would probably be airmen, who would be stationed in two camps near Akrotiri, southwest of Limassol.

Shipping sources in Limassol, meanwhile, said that they expected a French troopship, probably the Athos, to arrive there sometime tomorrow.

Late this evening there were reports of the impending arrival of a second French troopship tomorrow, but the reports were vague and unspecific.—Reuter.

PEACEMAKERS NOW

America's Attitude To Suez Changes

From Rene MacColl

New York, Sept. 6.

The United States, which in the early days of the Suez Crisis was at least prepared to cheer Britain and France from the seclusion of the sidelines, has now almost completely changed its role.

Today America is intent only on damping down any tendency towards the use of force in the Middle East and in Washington there is a horror and concern at the arrival of French paratroops in Cyprus and the steady British military build-up there.

I hear that in Washington, British diplomatic officials have been told informally but very unmistakably how much the United States "deplores" the Anglo-French moves. Britain is blamed for "rocking the boat" just when the Menzies Mission to Cairo is approaching its most delicate moments.

As one official put it to me: "One thing is certain — unless and until Nasser actually stops the passage of ships through the Canal or proves he cannot do it efficiently, Uncle Sam is not going to countenance any use of force there."

London Express Service.

Conspiracy Trial: Cross-examination continues

Patterson Tells Court 'I Had No More Worries'

At his second day of cross-examination this morning, Henry Charles Patterson, one of the accused in the conspiracy trial before District Judge Charles, denied that he knew anything about the licences being applied for by the Bohespice Syndicate beyond the fact that he handed in applications to the Superintendent of Mines.

Patterson said he was asked to hand these in and denied that he had any discussion with Keay, the Superintendent of Mines when he did so. "I had no interest in the matter. I had no more worries the day Mr Armstrong was appointed to handle the syndicate's affairs," he said.

The accused are William Allan Hogarth, 52, chartered accountant, of 551, The Peak; Henry Charles Patterson, 45, Company Director, of 10 Victoria Peak Apartments; John Patterson Whitefield, 54, Superintendent of Lighthouses, Marine Department, of Albany Place; and William Murray Keay, 54, Superintendent of Mines, of 7 Kimberley Street, second floor. They are on nominal bail of \$300 each.

Hogarth, Patterson and Whitefield are represented by Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart of Stewart and Company.

Too No Interest

Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr H. Caine, of Johnson, Stokes and Mosier, is appearing for Keay.

The Crown is represented by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Acting Solicitor-General, and Mr Dermot Rea, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr T. Kavanagh, Assistant Superintendent of Police (Anti-Corruption).

Patterson agreed that it was to his syndicate's interests that O'Neill should not come back to Hongkong and take advantage of the chaos in the agreement allowing him to take back the mine.

He maintained he took no part in Hogarth's discussions

with Keay at the end of January, 1956, and said he had no knowledge of Hogarth and Mr Hulse reporting back to the syndicate the results of these discussions.

When Patterson said that he made no enquiries about the additional buffer strip, Mr Blair-Kerr asked him whether he realised when he handed in the application forms to Keay that the licences applied for included not only the original mine area, but the buffer strip as well.

"I did not take any interest because I knew that Mr Armstrong was looking after the affairs of the Syndicate," Patterson replied.

'Did Not Worry'

Mr Blair-Kerr: Didn't you think it odd that these applications signed by Mr Armstrong, the solicitor who, according to you, had been entrusted with all the affairs of the syndicate, should reach you from Hogarth in the way it did?

Patterson: No. He said that no plans were attached to the applications. Mr Blair-Kerr put it to him that it would have been very natural for him, a member of the syndicate, once he had the opportunity of seeing the Superintendent of Mines, to have dis-

cussed that important question with him about the syndicate acquiring the buffer strip. Patterson replied: "When Mr Armstrong was put in charge of the affairs of the mine, I did not worry about enquiries. From my own business experience if I have any trouble about agreements or contracts to be signed, I would refer the matter to the company solicitor."

Mr Blair-Kerr: What do you understand by the employment of a solicitor? Don't you realise that if you employ a solicitor you supply him with all the factual information and then take his advice on the law?

Patterson: As far as I can see a solicitor handling the affairs of a syndicate is different from handling the affairs of a private company.

Private Detective?

You don't expect a solicitor to act like a private detective?— If I have a solicitor and I tell him to find out about certain matters for me, I am quite sure he will do it. For example investigations about the mines, licences, land and so on. In my case I would ask the solicitor to look into the matter for me.

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CORRUPTION CHARGES QUASHED

Charges of corruption against Major Donald Peachey, Captain Harry Curtis and Chau Chung-sang, managing partner of the Shun Hing Construction Company, were quashed by Judge K. R. Macfee at the Victoria District Court this morning.

The Judge ruled that it had not been established that the two Army officers were "agents" within the meaning of the sections of the ordinance under which the three accused were charged.

Judge Macfee held, however, that a prima facie case had been established against the three accused on the charge of conspiracy and ordered the trial to continue on that charge.

Report of Judge Macfee's decision appears on the back page.

NEW ROW FOR JULIANA?

From ERIC KENNEDY

Amsterdam, Sept. 6. Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard have returned from their cruise in the Aegean to find the squabble over faith healer, Greet Hofmans reopened.

When they went away last month, the Queen had "permanently broken off all relationship" with Miss Hofmans.

Yet, despite Prince Bernhard's protests, the faith healer is still treating Princess Mariloe who is partially blind.

And Miss Hofmans is back at Baarn, in her caravan home, a five minutes bicycle ride from the royal palace.

There has been a move to send Greet Hofmans abroad. For instance she has "patients" in South America.

But she refused to go. Her refusal, it is said, was backed by certain circles in the Dutch Court.—London Express Service.

Kidnapped

Casablanca, Sept. 5. A three-year-old French girl was kidnapped by three Moroccans in a high-powered car from a farm near Casablanca, it was reported today. The child had been left asleep in the care of a Moroccan maid while her parents were absent.—France-Press.

Radioactive Food Tests Plan

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

Sydney, Sept. 6.

Sheep, goats and rabbits are to be given radioactive food to eat after the British atom bomb explosion in the Australian desert, it was disclosed today.

Grass, hay, lucerne and other feeding stuffs are to be exposed to radioactive dust which will fall out from the mushroom cloud.

This contaminated food will then be given to animals so that scientists of agricultural and medical research councils can study what effects it has.

The goat's milk will be analysed to find out how much radioactivity gets into it.

Dangerous?

From the results scientists will be able to calculate how much dust from an atomic explosion over Britain would be likely to affect cow's milk.

The sheep will eventually be killed so doctors can decide if the mutation would be dangerous to eat.

Some of the goats and rabbits will be penned in experimental air raid shelters set up at different distances from the bomb.

Home office experts want to measure how effective shelters and buildings would be in protecting against a shower of penetrating gamma rays given off by the explosion.—London Express Service.

Hu Feng May Be Freed-If...

Peking, Sept. 5. Kuo Mo-jo, the President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, who is generally reckoned to be one of China's leading intellectuals, said tonight there was a possibility that the imprisoned writer, Hu Feng, might be set free.

He told a small group of foreign correspondents that "if—and it is a very big if—Hu Feng confesses his crimes and shows signs of improvement, he may be set free."

Kuo played a leading part in the denunciation of the writer which culminated in his arrest as a counter-revolutionary 14 months ago. He said as far as he knew, Hu Feng was "safe and well."

This is the first information about Hu Feng since the announcement of his arrest.

STRONG CRITIC

Though a Communist party member, Hu Feng had been a strong critic of some officials and Government policies.

Many people thought that, though branded as a counter-revolutionary, he had actually been imprisoned for his outspokenness and ideological deviations. His arrest was said to have been a warning to other intellectuals.

Kuo replied to this suggestion today by saying that Hu Feng had been arrested because he was an active counter-revolutionary in direct contact with Chiang Kai-shek forces in Formosa and that ideological attacks on him had been a separate matter.

Kuo, whom some said caused Hu Feng's downfall on grounds of personal antipathy, was at pains to repeat that he had been his friend for more than 30 years even though they had many ideological differences.

His remarks about Hu Feng were in a very mild vein compared with the "bitter" attacks which continued until quite recently.

MARXIST

But they were in keeping with the present more liberal attitude towards intellectuals and the policy of allowing different ideologies to be expounded provided that the people do not become counter-revolutionaries. Kuo Mo-jo, who is not a party member himself, though, pro-

Chinese Enter Burma Border Province

Bangkok, Sept. 5. Chinese Communist troops have entered the Burmese frontier province of Lachuan, according to official reports received by the Thai Government from its Embassy in Rangoon, the Thai Premier, Pibul Songgram, said today.

Press at the close of his weekly Cabinet meeting, said that Communist China seemed inclined to make use of the historical fact that Lachuan was occupied by the Tibetans about 500 years ago in order to establish its claim to the territory.

He pointed out that the penetration of the Communist Chinese troops is a contravention of the so-called "five principles of co-existence."

The Premier said should the United Nations intervene in this matter on Burma's behalf, Thailand will be the first to send troops to aid Burma.—France-Press.

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Brains Trust In London



In connection with the meeting of the Council of the European Union of Women a public Brains Trust was held in London. The panel, consisting of women politicians or prominent professional women from various countries represented by the Union, answered questions put by the audience on problems affecting women today. Panel members, from left, are: Dr. Lilla Makiinen, head of the Women's Conservatives of Finland and City Councillor of Helsinki; Dr. Maria Frobst, West German parliamentarian; panel chairman the Honourable Mrs Evelyn Emmet, a British member of Parliament; Dutch legal expert Dr Maria Sutorius; and Dr Lisa Comel, an Italian parliamentarian. — Express Photo.

SEATO TALKS BRITAIN-US THANKED BY VARGAS

Baguio, Sept. 5. Lieutenant-General Jesus Vargas, head of the Philippine delegation to the SEATO military advisers' conference being held here, said today that he welcomed the Anglo-American pledge of military assistance for the defence of the SEATO area.

The assurance was made yesterday by Admiral Felix Stump, head of the United States delegation, and Air Marshal Francis Pressanges, chief representative of Britain at the conference.

"The defence of the SEATO area is the defence of the Philippines and we appreciate the announcement by Admiral Felix Stump and Air Marshal Francis Pressanges," General Vargas said.

Conference sources said that one of the issues being discussed in private at the conference, which opened on Monday, was the headquarters for a permanent military staff of planners. Manila and Bangkok are being considered as sites. — Reuter.

Repatriation Note To Russia

Bonn, Sept. 5. West Germany today made a further protest to the Soviet Union concerning the non-repatriation of Germans from the Soviet Union.

The new protest was contained in a note handed over in Moscow by the West German Ambassador, Wilhelm Haas. It was learned in Bonn, it referred to a group of German civilians, whose work contracts at a camp in Sukhumi, Georgia, had expired and who wanted to return to West Germany.

The Soviet authorities had indicated, said the note, that the persons in question were placed under the protection of the Government of East Germany by virtue of a secret agreement between the Democratic Republic and the Soviet Union.

The note declared the Soviet attitude violated both the agreements concluded between Moscow and Bonn and the charter of human rights. — France Press.

WEU TROOP



Pakistan Annoyed With Nasser

Karachi, Sept. 5. Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser's interview with the Times of India, in which he accused the Pakistani Foreign Minister, Hamidul Haq Choudhry, of not keeping his word, has caused considerable annoyance in official circles in Karachi.

Nasser was reported as saying in an interview on September 1 that after a conversation of three hours in Cairo, Choudhry had "vowed support for the Egyptian cause." He was reported to have added "You know what he did."

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that everybody including Egypt, was aware of Pakistan's position. He reiterated that from the very beginning, Pakistan supported Egypt in her nationalisation of the Suez Canal and "we made it clear that in consequence with Egyptian sovereignty we should like to see an international association with the canal management, which would not exclude Egypt's predominant voice in Suez Canal affairs."

The spokesman also emphatically denied press reports that Choudhry had been instructed not to pass through Cairo on his return from the London conference as he would be persona non grata in Egypt. — France-Press.

Sailor Jilted Girl Friend

New York, Sept. 5. A Greek sailor jilted the girl who helped him fight deportation and married another American sweetheart, it was revealed today.

The romantic Greek, 22-year-old Dennis Searamagos, married 17-year-old Rosalie Woodworth of nearby East Moline, Illinois, in a Methodist Church at Rock Island, Illinois, last night.

He sent no advance word to his ex-fiancee, Angelina Bogatzopoulos of Davenport, Iowa, who had stood by him in his battle with immigration authorities.

But Miss Bogatzopoulos forgave him. She said "he's so mixed up I don't think he knows what he's doing." — United Press.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE AGAINST FORMER FIELD MARSHAL

Munich, Sept. 5. Former Nazi Field Marshal Ferdinand Schoerner and his aide, ex-Lieut. Gen. Joachim von Treskow, today were charged with manslaughter in the execution of a German soldier during the last retreat of the Hitler armies in 1945.

Schoerner, who was released from a Soviet prison camp in 1955, also was indicted on two counts of attempted

DECISIONS WILL NOT BIND AMERICA

Washington, Sept. 5. The United States is not expected to be bound by any decision for or against US troop reductions that may be taken at the forthcoming meeting of the West European Union Council, US officials indicated today.

The United States is not a member of WEU, an organization created in 1954 to make possible German membership in NATO after the European Defence Community (EDC) project failed to develop.

The meeting was called for September 15 by Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to discuss published reports that the United States may reduce its troops by 800,000 men in four years.

Added about statements by the Secretary of Defense, Mr. Charles Wilson, and by President Eisenhower to the effect that the general trend in modern warfare was toward greater firepower with less troops, Mr. White said this was a "long-term" view rather than any future.

Mr. White said that the US Ambassador to NATO, Mr. George Perkins, would probably be an observer at the WEU meeting. He indicated that, at least for the present, Mr. Perkins would support Mr. Dulles and Admiral Radford in their statements on the manpower controversy.

No Joint Action

Officials said, however, that they doubted that the WEU meeting would do more than discuss the problem. They discounted the possibility of joint action by the seven-member body in the NATO Council.

They said that in the past WEU generally talked over specific problems that seemed to lend themselves more easily to treatment by a smaller group. The NATO Council is made up of all 15 members of the Western alliance.

Officials expect the meeting of the NATO Council of Foreign Ministers to discuss fully the manpower problem as it affects NATO planning.

The next NATO Council meeting is scheduled to be held in Paris sometime in December.

Dr. Adenauer had wanted a meeting of WEU called right after the tentative troop reduction plan was made public last July. Since that time, these officials contended, the situation has relaxed somewhat.

German Concern

German concern about possible US reductions in their ground forces stationed in Europe has been great. The German Ambassador, Herr Heinz Kröcker, conferred several times with the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, on this matter, after having been called home to Bonn for consultations.

Dr. Adenauer also sent his army chief, Lieut. Gen. Adolph Heusinger, to the Pentagon with an urgent appeal to clarify the US stand.

Only last week Dr. Heinrich Krone impressed on President Eisenhower the importance of this problem in German politics. All three German leaders have professed themselves satisfied that the United States would do nothing to weaken European security or German safety.

However, it was noted here that at no time were any Germans given flat assurances that US ground troops in Europe would not be reduced.

General Trend

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, referred reporters today to a statement made by Mr. Dulles on July 18 in which the Secretary insisted that the US would remain faithful to its NATO commitments.

Mr. White also mentioned a report given by Admiral Arthur Radford to the NATO standing group here, in which the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff stated that the United States would take no unilateral action in reducing the number of troops assigned to NATO.

Laos Denies Receiving China Aid

Washington, Sept. 5. The Royal Laotian Embassy in Washington today denied American press reports that Laos has accepted economic aid from China.

An Embassy communique said: "Several newspapers have mentioned that Laos has accepted Chinese economic aid. The Laos Embassy in Washington is hereby authorized to deny most categorically that such aid or the sending of Chinese experts to Laos have at present been accepted or invited."

The communique continued: "A request for such aid would be formulated only in case of need, after the establishment of a five-year economic plan, which takes into account the generous aid provided by the United States, France and the Colombo Plan countries."

NEUTRALITY

The Laos Embassy also clarified the reference to neutrality in the joint Laotian-Chinese statement issued after the visit of the Royal Laotian Government delegation to China last month.

The communique stated: "The Laotian Government interprets it (neutrality) in terms similar to that of Switzerland."

It added: "This means that Laos is only neutral as long as its security is not menaced." — France-Press.

Bishop Murdered

Johannesburg, Sept. 5. Bishop Sims, a former African police sergeant and for many years the head of the Christian National Church of Africa, was shot and killed today at his home in Evaton location, near Vereeniging.

It was believed that the Bishop was killed because he was the leader of the opposition of the boycott of segregated buses by Africans, and was thought to have possessed information vital to the police concerning the bus boycott.

Recently, another African police sergeant was murdered. The guards have now given armed guards to the other Africans who are to give evidence against the leaders of the boycott, at a government inquiry.

The Bishop and his family were at home between two and three o'clock in the morning, when a number of Africans gathered outside the house.

Petrol was thrown on the house and it was set on fire. The Bishop fled from the house with his clothes in flames and was shot. His family escaped unharmed. — France-Press.

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West's Middle East Position Threatened

RUSSIA WORMING IN WITH DANGEROUS SPEED

London, Sept. 5.

Official diplomatic quarters warned today that Russia is worming her way with "dangerous speed" into the Middle East, seriously threatening the West's strategic position in the Mediterranean.

The accelerated Soviet offensive in the past few days of "casualties" to and "co-operation" with Middle Eastern nations bears witness to this loaded Kremlin policy, they said.

Mr. C. W. C. Smith, who concentrates at present on the Egyptian situation, has now successfully involved the strategic importance of the Middle East in the Soviet Union's new policy of "co-operation" with Middle Eastern nations.

The latter has just negotiated a new "trade" deal with Egypt providing for more cotton supplies to China. Its financial arrangements appeared especially designed to counter the freeze of Egyptian sterling by Britain. It is under a loan even to provide for Chinese supply of Soviet arms.

Without Strings

Finally, an Afghan announcement has disclosed the conclusion of an arms contract with Russia and Czechoslovakia. These contracts were said to be without political strings.

Afghanistan's strategic importance is enhanced by its geographical proximity to the Middle East. Its leading partner, the United States, is a major power.

Significant

The past few days have seen the following significant Soviet moves in the Middle and Near East:

★ 1. An announcement of an impending cultural agreement between Russia and Egypt, its details and implications have not been disclosed.

★ 2. A Russian promise to supply Egypt with 200,000 tons of wheat for payment in Egyptian currency. This would counteract the British financial squeeze on Egypt.

★ 3. The dispatch of "volunteer" pilots to help operate the Suez waterway. Speculation in diplomatic quarters today was that this might precede the beginning of Soviet "expert" activities on a broader scale in that area.

★ 4. Reports of stepped up arms supplies by Russia and her satellites to Egypt and other Middle Eastern points. These reports claimed that the MIG fighters were among the new supplies.

Involve Deeply

The Soviet offensive is held designed first to involve Egypt and other Middle Eastern nations as deeply and then make them increasingly dependent on Moscow.

It is seemingly co-ordinated with similar moves on the part of Russia's East European satellites and even of China.

6 Killed In Uranium Mine Disaster

Berlin, Sept. 5.

The West Berlin newspaper *Telegraf* said today six East German miners were killed in a Soviet zone uranium mine disaster a few days ago.

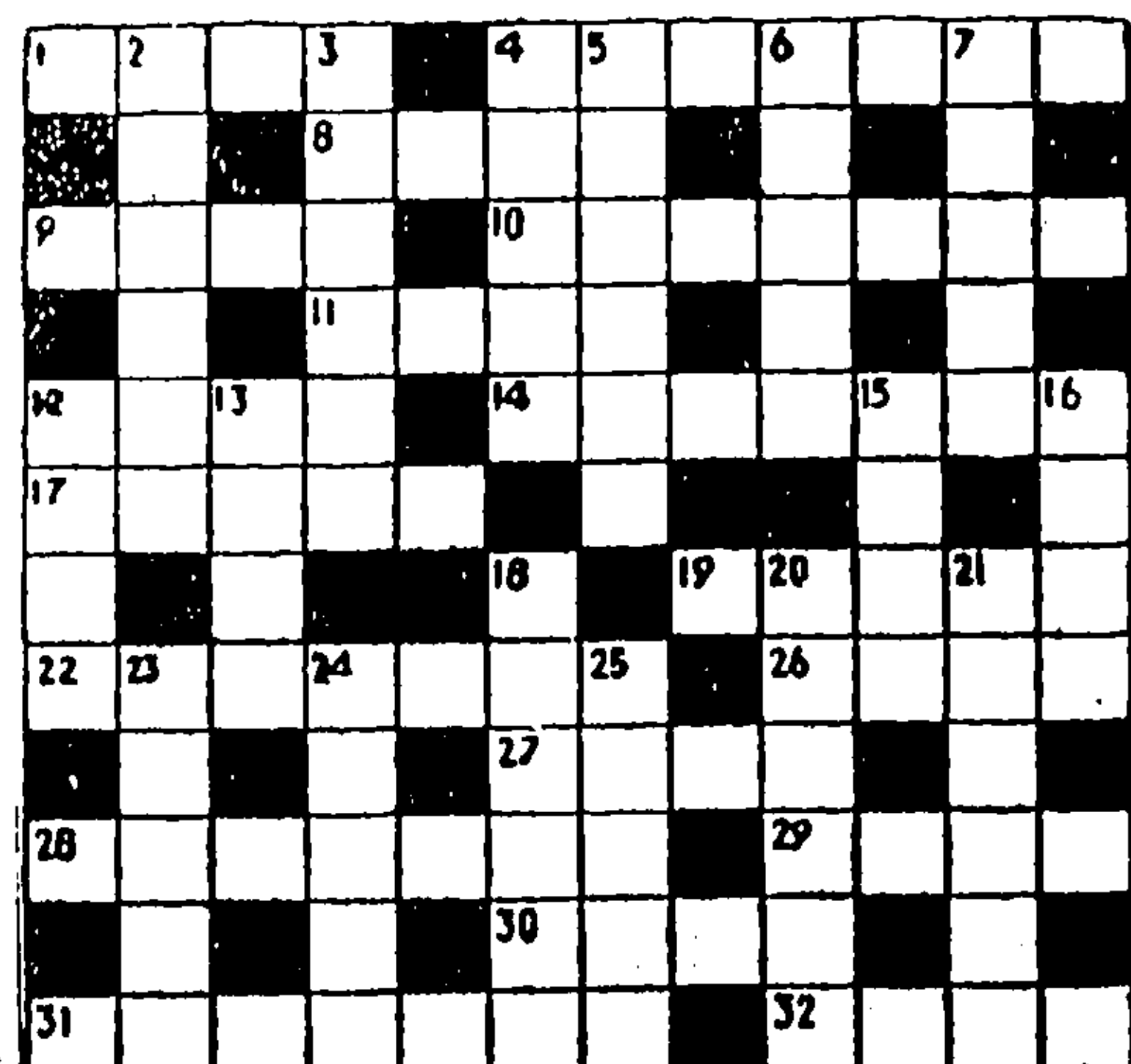
The newspaper said the accident took place in a mine in Wolkestein, near Johannestadt, in the uranium mine region near the Czech border.

The newspaper said a charge of dynamite used in mining operations caused a shaft weakened by water seepage to collapse 300 feet underground. The uranium mines are run by a joint Soviet-East German company—United Press.

Washington, Sept. 5.

El Mendhi Ben Abud, Morocco's first ambassador to the United States, today presented his credentials to President Eisenhower.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Requests (4).
- 2 Ethically (7).
- 3 Impoverished (4).
- 4 Insect (4).
- 5 Remnant (7).
- 6 Flower (4).
- 7 Breakwater (4).
- 8 Oriental (7).
- 9 Divert (5).
- 10 Renovate (5).
- 11 Precious stone (7).
- 12 Nestled in place (4).
- 13 Deposited (4).
- 14 Church (7).
- 15 Accustomed (4).
- 16 Tackle (4).
- 17 Slupified (7).
- 18 Formerly (4).

DOWN

- 1 Not often (6).
- 2 Refrains from killing (6).
- 3 Large deer (5).
- 4 Trial (6).
- 5 Acknowledge (5).
- 6 Passenger ship (5).
- 7 Construct (4).
- 8 Entice (4).
- 9 Bird (4).
- 10 Amphibian (4).
- 11 Avar (6).
- 12 Last (6).
- 13 Surplus (6).
- 14 Dimp (5).
- 15 Plant excretion (5).
- 16 Ventured (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Repair, 2 Rupee, 3 Raven, 4 Viper, 5 Viper, 6 Viper, 7 Viper, 8 Viper, 9 Viper, 10 Viper, 11 Viper, 12 Viper, 13 Viper, 14 Viper, 15 Viper, 16 Viper, 17 Viper, 18 Viper, 19 Viper, 20 Viper, 21 Viper, 22 Viper, 23 Viper, 24 Viper, 25 Viper, 26 Viper, 27 Viper, 28 Viper, 29 Viper, 30 Viper, 31 Viper, 32 Viper.

'Floating Stretcher' Demonstration



A "floating stretcher", to be used to transfer patients to a hospital ship in case of bad weather, is pictured being demonstrated at Zandvoort, Holland. By means of the stretcher, if the weather is too bad for the hospital ship to approach sufficiently close to the vessel seeking help, the patient can be shifted to the floating stretcher and hoisted aboard the hospital ship.—Express Photo.

Printing Shop 'Nationalised'

Djakarta, Sept. 5.

The attempt of "certain private circles" to nationalise a foreign owned enterprise in Macassar could not be justified, the Government announced today following press reports that three newspaper owners had taken over the Macassar Printing Shop, in which their papers are published.

The newspaper owners announced that they had "taken over all rights and responsibilities of the Macassar Printing Shop, from the Dutch owner in conformity with the spirit of Indonesia's abrogation of the Dutch-Indonesian round table conference agreements."—Reuter.

A-POWERED LIGHT CRUISER

Washington, Sept. 5.

The Navy today announced award of a \$18.3 million contract to the Westinghouse Electric Corp., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to make the atomic power plant for a guided missile light cruiser.

It will be the world's first atomic surface ship. The nuclear propulsion plant is being designed and developed by the Atomic Energy Commission in co-operation with the Navy.

The cruiser is part of the Navy's current ship building programme. "It will be fitted out with the most advanced armament and guided missiles available for fleet use," the Navy said.

BETHLEHEM STEEL

The Navy previously announced that the cruiser will be built by the Quincy, Massachusetts, yard of Bethlehem Steel Corporation, subject to completion of satisfactory contract negotiations.

The Navy said today that Westinghouse has been awarded the contract "to furnish reactor compartment components for a nuclear-powered guided missile light cruiser." Estimated cost of the contract, on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis, is \$18,335,305, the Navy said.—United Press.

Fadden Waives Duty On Bells

Brisbane, Sept. 5.

Federal Treasurer Sir Arthur Fadden is the man for whom the bells toll at St. Anne's Church of England school in Townsville.

The bells, 80 years old, were given to the school by the Nottingham Mechanics Institute, England.

The Blue Star Line carried them free to Brisbane and then the Customs Department insisted \$286 sterling should be paid on them.

But at the request of Queensland's Premier, Mr. Gair, Sir Arthur ruled the duty should be waived.—China Mail Special.

Britain And France Explain Suez Stand To NATO

By HAROLD KING

Paris, Sept. 5.

Britain and France today explained to their allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation their stand on the 18-nation plan for international control of the Suez Canal.

Canada and Belgium, which were not represented at the London conference on Suez, "fully supported" the 18-nation proposals now being put to President Nasser of Egypt in Cairo, sources close to NATO said.

Unusual secrecy surrounded the meeting of the 15-nation Atlantic Council in the Palace of Chailiot here. But Mr. Lloyd, who presided at the London conference, was reported to have given the Council a full account of the various phases of the Suez crisis since Egypt nationalised the Canal up to the present Menzies mission in Cairo.

Long Talk

Mr. Lloyd had a long talk with M. Christian Pineau, the French Foreign Minister, before the Council session and later conferred for an hour with the French Premier M. Guy Mollet, before returning to London.

NATO sources said Mr. Lloyd's review of the Suez crisis allowed the lines of his report statement before leaving London when he said: "We hope and are working for a peaceful solution... but there may come a time when vital interests which are not ours alone may have to be protected."

M. Pineau told the Council of the complete identity of views existing between France and Britain in this matter. Both countries have been taking military precautions since Egypt nationalised the Canal in July.

Conference sources said M. Paul-Henri Spaak of Belgium, one of the four Foreign Ministers attending the session, warned the Western Powers against any yielding to intimidation.

"The situation is grave," he was quoted as saying.

Both M. Spaak and Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Minister, have had talks in London with Mr. Lloyd in the past few days.

Several sources said there was no discussion at today's meeting on Suez.

Greece Declined

Five nations—Canada, Belgium, Greece, Luxembourg and Iceland—were not represented at the London conference. Greece declined an invitation to attend.

There was no Greek intervention in today's debate, one source said.

Mr. Lloyd later described the meeting as "useful."

Press correspondents were told the delegations had agreed to maintain silence on the session. A NATO spokesman said merely that Mr. Lloyd as chairman of the 22-nation Suez conference had come to give the NATO Council first hand information on the London discussions and especially to inform member nations not represented at the Suez conference of the proceedings.

Normally Council meetings attended by Foreign Ministers are followed by an official communiqué or press briefings.

Nothing Dramatic

One delegation source said there was nothing dramatic about the NATO session. It was part of the rules of NATO that member governments should keep their fellow members fully informed and, if anything, Mr. Lloyd's briefing today was overdue.

This source said there was no attempt to use the occasion as a means of getting some sort of joint declaration.—China Mail Special.

CABLE ACROSS CHANNEL

Anglo-French Power Exchange

London, Sept. 6.

Britain and France intend next year to begin laying a cable across the Channel for the exchange of electrical power between them, the Central Electricity Authority announced here today.

The cable, estimated to cost about £4 million, should be complete and ready for use in 1960, the Central Electricity Authority added.

A joint committee of the Authority and Electricite de France has recommended the laying of a single cable to take direct current—between 120,000 and 160,000 kilowatts at 200,000 volts. This would be equivalent to four single core cables carrying alternating current.

Use of direct current would eliminate the necessity of laying many cables in the bed of the Dover Straits. It would also allow the electricity grids of the two countries to control their frequencies independently and regulate the load interchange with precision, the announcement said.

DRAW ON SYSTEM

The committee had been studying the project for some time. The purpose is to allow each country to draw on the system of the other during their different seasonal periods or peak demand.

France depends mostly on hydro-electric power stations with variable output and has too little electricity in the dry summer months, too much during parts of the winter.

Britain has mainly fuel burning stations with a constant output which gives her more than enough power in the summer but cannot always cope with heavy winter demand.

Daily peak periods also differ in the two countries.—China Mail Special.

REFUGEE CALLED SWINDLER

Berlin, Sept. 5.

The East German ADN news agency described as a "political swindler" today a 35-year-old East German refugee, who claimed to be the son of the East Berlin Mayor, Friedrich Ebert.

The refugee, who gave his name as Kurt Ebert, crossed into the Western sector last Wednesday and since has given interviews to a number of American occupation officials.

The agency said the refugee was no kin of the Mayor. It said investigation showed Ebert was born in January, 1921 at Schwiebus in Brandenburg. The agency gave other details about Ebert's origin and family. It said his "staggering and lying statements" thus had been disproved "in a matter of hours."

United States Army headquarters here confirmed earlier today that Ebert had sought refuge in the West and was being screened at the Marienfelde refugee camp.—France-Press.

DEATHROLL 121

Hyderabad, Sept. 5.

The deathroll in the train disaster at Mahabubnagar three days ago rose tonight to 121 as more bodies were recovered. The disaster occurred when two coaches of a passenger train plunged into a swollen rivulet when a bridge collapsed.—Reuter.

Japan Wants Sample Guided Missiles From America

By ROSS MARK

Washington, Sept. 5.

Japan wants samples of United States guided missiles for research work, Mr. Keikichi Masuhara, the vice-Director-General of the Japanese Defence Agency, said today.

Mr. Masuhara told a press conference that he was asking for the sample guided missiles as well as a number of other military items in talks with American Defence and State Department officials which opened today.

United States officials told Reuter later that they would be "quite sympathetic" to the Japanese requests, though the supply of some of the items would be open to negotiations.

High Officials

Mr. Masuhara held his press conference following talks with the secretaries of the Navy, Army and Air Force, and other high officials of the Defence Department.

Asked if the United States was exerting pressure on Japan to step up its defence programme, Mr. Masuhara replied: "So far that subject has not been brought up. Japan has expressed its views on force goals for 1960 and the United States knows those goals very well."

In reply to a further question, Mr. Masuhara added: "It might not be appropriate to say that Japan and the United States are in complete agreement as to force goals. The significant fact is that the Japanese Defence Agency has announced its force goals and has kept the United States authorities informed."

The Japanese total number of personnel in Japan's sea, land and air forces in the fiscal year of 1956 is 215,003 men, including an army of 160,000, a maritime self-defence force of 25,716, and air force of 14,434, plus other personnel.

Grant-Aid Basis

Mr. Masuhara said that he was negotiating in Washington for howitzers, tanks, rifles and machine guns for 10,000 new army recruits this year. He envisaged supply of the material on a grant-aid basis.

With regard to Navy forces, Japan undertook the construction of four destroyers under licence during the last fiscal year and wanted to build two more this year. He looked to the United States for radar, sonar and other modern equipment for the warships.

Mr. Masuhara said Japan's present machine gun force was equipped mainly with old armed landing craft which were nearing the end of their life. "We would like to have destroyers instead," he said.

Just Samples

Asked about the following items, Mr. Masuhara said: "Guided Missiles: We would like some guided missiles from the United States, just samples for research work on models to be made in Japan."

Aircraft: "We are domestically manufacturing under licence F-80-F jet fighters and T-33 Trainers, but until they are ready we are requesting the United States to provide F-80-F fighters. So far there is no negotiation going on to build later types of jets."

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RUSSIANS ARREST 7 VESSELS

Tokyo, Sept. 5.

The Soviet Union today emphasised its claim to Habomai Island, Northern Japan, when a Soviet patrol boat seized seven Japanese fishing vessels on suspicion of having violated Soviet territorial waters.

A Japanese coastguard spokesman said the seven vessels were part of a fleet operating in waters north of Japan in the vicinity of the Habomai and Shikotan islands.

The spokesman said three other fishing vessels seized by the Soviet patrol boat late yesterday were released by order of the captain of the Soviet patrol early this morning.

NO LICENCES

A Ministry of Fisheries spokesman said no fishing licences were required for vessels operating so close to Japan.

During the recent Soviet-Japanese peace treaty talks in Moscow the Soviet Union offered to consider the return of the Habomai and Shikotan islands to Japan.

The talks were suspended on August 13 when Japan refused to consider Soviet territorial claims.

A Japanese coastguard patrol boat has been sent to investigate the arrest of the seven Japanese fishing vessels.—Reuter.

Moch Talks Disarmament With Mikoyan

Moscow, Sept. 5.

M. Jules Moch, French representative on the United Nations Disarmament Commission who is visiting Moscow, today discussed disarmament and other problems with the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andre Gromyko.

Later M. Moch called on the Soviet Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, who is in charge of the Soviet Government in absence of Marshal Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev on holiday.

M. Moch plans to see Marshal Bulganin later and hopes to meet Mr. Dmitri Shepilov, the Foreign Minister at the Black Sea resort of Sochi where he is holidaying.

WORLD PROBLEMS

Diplomatic sources said today's discussion between M. Moch and Mr. Mikoyan ranged from the Suez to the American elections. In a general survey of world problems.

M. Moch declined to comment on the discussion but the sources said their talk indicated Soviet concern about American foreign policy trends in the light of an Eisenhower-Nixon election victory which the Russians appear to expect.—Reuter.

Experts were also provided for the development of telecommunications in Pakistan, small-scale industries in India, education in Malaysia and for the control of leprosy in North Malaya.—Reuter.

Colombo Plan Experts

Colombo, Sept. 5.

Forty-three overseas experts, including three Japanese, carried out economic development work this year in South and South-east Asia under the Colombo Plan for technical co-operation.

A review released today by the Colombo Plan information unit said 20 of the experts were provided by Australia, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom and India one.

Experts were also provided for the development of telecommunications in Pakistan, small-scale industries in India, education in Malaysia and for the control of leprosy in North Malaya.—Reuter.

LACOSTE LEAVES HOSPITAL

Algiers, Sept. 5.

France's Resident Minister, Robert Lacoste, said today his sole aim was to establish a "fair balance" between French Muslims in Algeria in the framework of the French nation.

Lacoste, who left the hospital today after a kidney operation, was broadcasting his thanks to all those who sent messages of sympathy during his illness.

Lacoste said the messages helped him in his task by pointing out that numerous Algerians, regardless of their faith, were giving him their support, understanding and friendship.

He charged, however, that the Republican Party "settled for the limited truth" which allowed the Communists to increase pressure in Indo-China and against Formosa.—United Press.

End Military Draft At Earliest Convenience Says Stevenson

Los Angeles, Sept. 5.

Mr. Adlai Stevenson today called for an end to the US military draft "at the earliest possible moment" consistent with the national safety.

The Democratic Party's presidential nominee told the national convention of the American Legion he believed this was "the national will" and "I subscribe with all my heart to this purpose."

Mr. Stevenson attacked the Republicans for "playing politics with peace" and for blaming the Democrats for World Wars I and II and the Korean War.

Mr. Stevenson said the election campaign should be "based on the future of the country, not on the past mistakes of the past."

for peace." One problem which "we must re-think," he said, was the make-up of military forces of the future.

Mr. Stevenson said many military experts believed the armies of the future would use mobile units equipped with tactical atomic weapons.

"Already it has become apparent that our most urgent need is to encourage trained men to re-enlist rather than to multiply the number of partly-trained men," said Mr. Stevenson.

"We can now anticipate the possibility—hopefully but responsibly—that within the foreseeable future we can maintain the military force we need without the draft."

The candidate denounced the Republicans for saying the "Democrats were responsible for the Korean War and the Republicans stopped it."

Mr. Stevenson said the Communists ended the Korean War on terms "essentially the same" as those proposed earlier by President Truman's Administration, when the war became "unprofitable" to China.

He charged, however, that the Republican Party "settled for the limited truth" which allowed the Communists to increase pressure in Indo-China and against Formosa.—United Press.

U.S. TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUSTRALIANS TAKE FOUR OF THE EIGHT QUARTER-FINAL BERTHS

Forest Hills, N.Y., Sept. 5.

Led by Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall, Australia's awesome tennis foursome had a field day at Forest Hills today as they took four of the eight quarter-final berths in the US Tennis Championships, with a fifth in prospect.

Only the Rhodes scholar, Ham Richardson, veteran Vic Seixas and resurging Dick Savitt advanced to carry American hopes as the favoured Hoad and Rosewall were joined in the round of eight by two other Australians — youngsters Ashley Cooper and Roy Emerson — and Aussie Neale Fraser leading in a match postponed by darkness.

Fraser, 22-year-old fifth-seeded Australian, was leading Gil Shea of the US 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, 6-8.

Form held true in the Women's Division as Althea Gibson, Danneberg and Mrs Dorothy Kinross of the US and Mrs Betty

Probst of Jamaica moved into the Ladies' quarter-finals. Richardson buoyed Yankee hopes with the decisiveness of his 7-5, 6-2, 6-0 win over swarthy Alejandro Olmeda, Southern California's NCAA champion from Peru. Ham needed but 51

minutes, and only nine minutes for the final set, as he blasted the college king from the famous Centre Court.

ALSO IMPRESSIVE

Savitt, returning from four years of inactivity, also was impressive as he raced through Mexico's Pancho Contreras 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 to gain the quarters against Rosewall.

Cooper, touted as the next of the great Australian stars, had to fight back gamely for a 3-6, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5 triumph over Texan Sam Giammalva. Vic Seixas fought from behind again today and reached the quarter-finals with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Torien Ulrich of Denmark, a bearded left-hander.

Ulrich, who had beaten Vic twice previously without a defeat, peppered the 33-year-old American's backhand throughout the early part of the match and was well on his way to another triumph when Seixas steadied. Thereafter each game was bitterly fought, but all the key breaks went to Seixas and he never again was in serious danger of losing.

It was Vic's fourth straight exit from the women's round of eight. The decision put him in a round of eight opposite Ashley Cooper.

Althea Gibson, winner of 17 tournaments this season, moved into the women's round of eight by trouncing Carol Fageros 6-3, 6-2. Miss Gibson, employing her big serve and strong net game to good advantage, never was in danger.

Lew Hoad of Australia, topped-seeded and favoured to complete a Grand Slam of the Australian, French, Wimbledon and US Championships this year, beat Grant Golden 6-3, 6-2, 7-5.

Hoad, appearing as disinterested as usual, displayed his customary style and had the match under control all the way.

Ken Rosewall, runner-up to Tony Trabert last year, dropped the set but then won as he played against towering Hugh Stewart, 2-6, 9-7, 6-1, 6-2. United Press.

MIXED DOUBLES

The Japanese-Indonesian tennis pair of Mrs Sachiko Kamo (Japan) and Jimmy Gankon Hic (Indonesia) were eliminated from the Mixed Doubles of the American tennis championships at Forest Hills today by the French-American team of Paul Remy (France) and Miss Margaret Varner (U.S.).

Remy and Varner beat Kamo and Koen 6-0, 6-2 in a first round match. —France-Press.

CRICKET

Zanzibar Share Honours With Writers' Club

Zanzibar, Sept. 5. Zanzibar put up a fine performance against the Pakistan Cricket Writers' Club when they drew their two-day match against the tourists.

The Writers' Club this afternoon declared their first innings closed at 243 for seven in reply to Zanzibar's 214, and the home team, batting for the second time, were 44 for two wickets when the match ended.

The highlight of today's game was a brilliant 132 by Pakistan opening batsman, 22-year-old Hanif Mohammed. Finding the fast matting wicket to his liking, he drove, cut and hooked magnificently to please a modest crowd at the recreation park.

Others who batted well were Wally Mathias and Omar Kureishi. —France-Press.

MACIAS KNOCKS OUT BATAAN

Hollywood, Calif., Sept. 5. Road (Ratton) Macias, the world's NBA heavyweight champion, scored a knockout victory over Larry Bataan of the Philippines in two minutes 32 seconds of the sixth round of their fight tonight at the Hollywood Legion Stadium.

Macias weighed 120 pounds and Bataan 115. —United Press.

Century By Graveney For T.N. Pearce's XI Against Australians

Scarborough, Sept. 5.

Tom Graveney, the England and Gloucestershire cricketer, batted in appropriate festive style today, scoring 101 in two hours for T. N. Pearce's XI against the Australians.

Rain prevented play until the last two and a quarter hours in this last first class fixture of the Australians tour but in that time T. N. Pearce's eleven had scored 193 for four.

Graveney, whose second fifty came in 30 minutes, hit two sixes and thirteen fours and was fourth out at 115.

Dennis Compton, batting 55 minutes for 45, hit three sixes and three fours before being second out at 115.

This was the fortieth day that the Australians have suffered interruptions by rain and on thirteen of these no play was possible at all.

SCOREBOARD

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| T. N. Pearce's eleven first innings 193 for four. | |
| P. E. Richardson, c. Craig b. Archer | 14 |
| Graveney, b. Archer | 101 |
| Compton, c. Miller b. Benaud | 45 |
| W. Watson, c. Archer, b. Davidson | 12 |
| T. E. Bailey, not out | 10 |
| T. G. Evans, not out | 8 |
| Extras | 3 |
| Total for four wickets | 193 |
| Wickets fell at: 25, 115, 108, 170. | |

Bowling

| | O | M | R | W |
|----------|----|---|----|---|
| Miller | 8 | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| Archer | 12 | 1 | 43 | 2 |
| Johnson | 6 | 1 | 43 | 0 |
| Benaud | 11 | 1 | 65 | 1 |
| Davidson | 6 | 0 | 27 | 1 |
| Legg | 3 | | | |

—Reuter.

She Scores A Double In Swim Meet

Blackpool, England, Sept. 5. Susan Grant, a 15-year-old Canadian schoolgirl, became the first double winner in the English swimming championships today when she captured the 110-yard freestyle title in the most record time of one minute 9.4 seconds.

Susan had won the girls' 110-yard butterfly crown last night. The defending champion, Christina Barry, regarded as an Olympic potential, finished fourth in 1:11.1. —United Press.

HOME RUGGER RESULTS

London, Sept. 5. Result of today's Rugby Union matches were: Falmouth 0, Jaffcoat 8. Stroud 3, Bristol 6. Rugby League Bradford Northern 5, York 17. Bramley 7, Rochdale 10. Doncaster 10, Hull Kingston R. 15. Featherstone R. 13, Warrington 17. —Reuter.

FAST TIME IN STEEPCHASE

Odo, Sept. 5. Odo's first fastest time set up a new national record for the 3,000 Metres Steeplechase when he clocked the excellent time of 8 minutes 44 seconds at an athletic meeting at Trondheim, Norway. —France-Press.

George Rhoden Not Available For Melbourne

Hollywood, Sept. 5. George Rhoden, 1952 Olympic Champion for the 400 Metres flat, has informed the Jamaican Olympic Committee that he will not run in the 1956 Olympic games at Melbourne.

Rhoden, who is 29, works as a physiotherapist at Hollywood's Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, and told newsmen today that he had not enough time to train properly for the Olympics.

Rhoden set up a new Olympic record when he won the 400 metres final at the Helsinki Olympics four years ago, in 45.9 seconds. He was also a member of the Jamaican relay team which broke a world record for the four times 400 metres at Helsinki, in 3 minutes, 3.9 seconds. —France-Press.

Special Meals For Egyptian Team At Melbourne

Melbourne, Sept. 5. Despite the international dispute over the Suez Canal and reports that Egypt will withdraw from the 1956 Olympic Games, Australia's Olympic Committee said today that it was going ahead with plans to prepare special meals for the Egyptian team.

"We've had no official notification of Egypt's withdrawal," said Mr. Edward Doyle of the Committee. "Its name still is on our acceptance list and will remain there until we hear otherwise. Naturally, we'd welcome the Egyptian team, which we hope still plans to come to the Games." —United Press.

South African Govt. Grants Visas To Touring Teams

Pretoria, Sept. 5. The South African Government has decided to grant entry visas to an Indian cricket team from Kenya, who are to play matches in South Africa, it was learned in Pretoria today.

The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting last night.

The South African Government also decided to grant entry visas to a Czech Rugby team, which is to tour South Africa.

A Government spokesman said the Indian cricketers from Kenya would be guests of India, Malaya and coloured cricket clubs. —France-Press.



OLYMPICS CHIEF REPLIES

Too Much Fuss Over New Amateur Rule

Mr Otto Mayer, Swiss head of the International Olympic Committee, said in Lausanne that there was an "unnecessary amount of fuss" about the new Olympic Rule 34, asking for a written pledge that Olympic competitors "intend to remain" amateurs.

Mr Mayer pointed out that Rule 34 was not yet final, and that even in its present form it did not bind an athlete to remain an amateur for ever, but was only designed to weed out "disguised pros."

Recalling the events leading up to the announcement of this new rule, Mr Mayer explained: "The IOC has long been worried about athletes who come to the

Olympics with the fond hope of turning their victories into profitable professional contracts afterwards. The IOC cannot look upon an athlete as an amateur if he sees the Olympics as a fine opportunity to win laurels that can be quickly cashed.

"To put some check on such undesirable competitors, the Executive Committee of the IOC in Stockholm last June approved the new pledge. This Rule 34 says: 'The entry must contain the following statement, signed by the competitor: I, the undersigned, declare on my honour that I am and intend to remain an amateur and will not accept any conditions stipulated by the Olympic Rules. The National Federation of that particular sport must counter-sign this declaration stating that, to the best of its knowledge, it is true.'"

NOT FINAL

"This rule is not yet final. All regulations adopted by the Executive Committee can only become final if confirmed by a plenary session of the IOC. The next will be at Melbourne on the occasion of the Olympic Games.

"All IOC members are free to demand changes in the rule, or even its complete elimination. From what I have heard during the past few weeks there will be quite a lively discussion.

"Thus, the text as quoted by me is only binding for athletes going to Melbourne. There may be another, or no pledge at all, at the 1960 Olympics.

"Generally I think there has been an unnecessary amount of fuss over the whole problem, apparently because the National Olympic Committee seem to have been unaware that the rule is still needing confirmation at the Melbourne IOC session and partly because its content has been wrongly interpreted.

"The pledge does not mean that the athlete is to remain an amateur all his life. 'As for the British Olympic Association, they would certainly do well by keeping better contact with the British IOC member, Lord Burghley.

12th CHESS OLYMPIAD SOVIET UNION'S SMYSLOV BEATS POLE IN FIRST GROUP SEMI-FINAL MATCH

Moscow, Sept. 5.

The Soviet Union's Smyslov beat Sliwa (1 Poland) today in the first group semi-final match of the 12th Chess Olympiad which is underway here. The scoring was 4 to 0.

The first group matches were those which had been postponed in the fourth round. Matches pitting A. Dolan and M. Colon of Puerto Rico against Vestol and Morchen of Norway were postponed for a second time.

Bulgaria's Kolorov beat Stenborg of Sweden and Bulgaria's Tashov drew with Ljungquist of Sweden. The scores were Bulgaria 2½, Sweden 1½.

1ST GROUP CLASSIFICATION

General classification after these matches in the first group was:

1. Soviet Union—14½ points.
2. Bulgaria—12 points.
3. Switzerland—10½ points.
4. Poland—4½ points.
5. Sweden—4 points.
6. Puerto Rico 3½ points.
7. Norway 3½ points—two matches adjourned.
8. The Saar 3½ points.

In the second group, Denmark was leading Austria by 1½ to ½, after the match between Enqvoldsen (Denmark) and Mokven (Austria) was adjourned for the second time.

Yugoslavia beat Mongolia by 4 to 0 and France beat Scotland by 3 to 1.

2nd GROUP CLASSIFICATION

General classification for the second group after these matches was:

1. Yugoslavia—14½ points.
2. Israel—11½ points.
3. The Netherlands—10½ points.
4. France—8 points.
5. Denmark—7½ points (two games adjourned).
6. Austria—6½ points (two games adjourned).
7. Mongolia 3½ points.
8. Scotland 3 points.

In the third group, India was leading Luxembourg by 3 to 0, with the last match between Venkatarman (India) and Philippe (Luxembourg) adjourned for the second time. India's pair, Gupta and Mhalshar secured a win for their side by defeating the Luxembourg team of Conary and Schneider.

The match between Iceland and West Germany ended in a draw, 2 to 2, after Niephaus (Germany) beat Phrobergsson (Iceland).

3RD GROUP CLASSIFICATION

General classification for the third group after these matches was:

1. Iceland—13 points.
2. Argentina—12 points.
3. West Germany—11½ points.
4. England—10½ points.
5. Finland—6½ points.
6. India—4 points (one game adjourned).
7. Chile—4 points.
8. Ireland—1½ points.
9. Luxembourg One point (one game adjourned).

In the fourth group, the Philippines were leading Iran by 2 to 1, with the match between Cardosa (Philippines) and Asar (Iran) adjourned for the second time. Benito gave the Philippines side the lead when he beat Loft of Iran.

Also in this group, Hungary beat Rumania by 2½ to 1½, and Belgium drew with Colombia 2 to 2.

General classification for the fourth group after these matches was: Rumania, Greece, Colombia and East Germany played one match less than the others.

1. Yugoslavia—11 points.
2. Hungary—10 points.
3. East Germany—9 points.
4. Belgium—8½ points.
5. Rumania—7½ points.
6. Colombia—6½ points.
7. Philippines—4 points (one game adjourned).
8. Greece—4 points.
9. Iran—3½ points (one game adjourned).

The following, first, second and third round adjourned matches were concluded today.

First round—Dobkin (Israel) beat Frumshcher (Austria) in a second group match. Austria won the match by 3 to 1.

Second round: Nora Dougman (France) beat Nielsen (Denmark) in a second group match. France and Denmark drew the match, 2 to 2.

Glasgow (Iceland) beat Philippe (Luxembourg) in a third group match. Iceland beat Luxembourg in this match by 4 to 0.

Third round: Johannessen (Norway) beat Bachlund (Sweden) in a first group match. Sweden beat Norway in this match by 2½ to 1½.

Beismann (Puerto Rico) beat Balcarek (Poland) in another first group match. Poland won this match by 3 to 1. —France-Press.

The following are today's results in the fifth round of the international chess Olympiad being played in Moscow:

1st Group: Stahlberg (Sweden) and Blau (Switzerland) draw.

2nd Group: Matanovic and Milic (Yugoslavia) and Parath and Dobkin (Israel) draw.

Muhring (Netherlands) beat Nora Dougman (France).

3rd Group: Venkatarman (India) beat Dumphy (Ireland).

Cupta and Mhalshar (India) and Reilly and Walsh (Ireland) draw.

4th Group: Pachman (Czechoslovakia) beat Dittmann (West Germany).

Rastrop (Colombia) beat Nasratin (Iran). —France-Press.

Cyclists Set Five World Outdoor Marks In Mass Attack

Milan, Sept. 6.

Five new cycling world records were set up on Wednesday evening at the Vigorelli Cycle Stadium in Milan during an exciting evening's riding.

The first record was the five kilometres professional which went to the French rider, Isaac Vitre, who covered the distance in 6 mins. 10.4 secs. He thus beat the former record which had been set at 6 mins. 18.4 secs. by the Italian Piazza in July this year.

A little later the Italian Morotini set up a new record for the one kilometre flying start when he clocked 1 min. 3.6 secs. The former record was held by the Australian Patterson with 1 min. 4 secs.

The record breaking continued. The Italian Faggin cut the world one kilometre standing start record held by the Soviet cyclist Vargachin by four-fifths of a second. The Italian set the new record at 1 min. 9.2 secs.

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The most impressive performance of the evening was that of the Italian world pursuit champion Baldini who set a new record for the 10 kilometres when he clocked 12 mins. 37.6 secs. The previous record was held by the Frenchman Maurice Archambaud at 12 mins. 43 secs. since 1931.

During the 10-kilometre ride, Baldini also beat the five kilometres amateur record held by the Frenchman, Pierre Brun, at 6 mins. 23.4 secs.

Baldini's time was 6 mins. 15.5 secs. A few moments later, however, Italian cyclist Leonardo Faggin again cut the five kilometres amateur record when he covered the distance in 6 mins. 15.4 secs. —France-Press.

RANDY TURPIN TO FIGHT AGAIN

Hamburg, Germany, Sept. 5.

The German Lightweight Champion, Hans Stroz, will fight Randy Turpin of Britain here on September 21 in a non-title, 14-round bout. —United Press.

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Wealthy Landowners Refuse To Co-operate

Teheran, Sept. 5.

The future of Persia's rich and (to the West) vitally important oilfields are today inseparably linked with the personal fate of a youthful looking 37-year-old man with dark liquid eyes and a grave expression, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, Shah-in-Shah, King of Kings, who is known to the world as the Shah of Persia.

Since his return to Teheran from Rome in the summer of 1953 following the downfall of the would-be dictator, Mohammed Mossadeq, the Shah has striven to establish himself as the ruler of his country, armed with full political powers.

Now, after three years' careful and arduous preparations, he has emerged as a ruler with a strong, almost dictatorial powers, directly linked in an impressive show of democratic procedure.

Unwelcome Policies

According to the Constitution the Shah, heir to the oldest surviving monarchy in the world, is a Constitutional Monarch. He is supposed to be above day to day politics and to be guided by his Ministers.

Statesmen and influential men in Persia do their utmost to preserve the idea of Constitutional Monarchy among the masses of the people. They do not want the Monarchy here to suffer in popularity by becoming identified with what may be failing or unwelcome policies.

But, in fact, the Shah dismisses and appoints Prime Ministers and Ministers of the Crown, and directs his Ministers as to the general outline of their responsibilities and activities.

Every Persian claims to "know" that the names of successful candidates in the election to the Majlis (Lower House of Parliament) were carefully chosen before polling day. They also say that the Shah carefully scanned the list before the results were announced.

Ambassadors, army generals, provincial governors, senators, government ministers—all are appointed only after royal consent and approval.

Chief Preoccupation

From the Royal Palace in the cool park to the west of Teheran where pools reflect light from green alabaster walls, a stream of minutes, instructions, commands and rebukes for the army, Parliament and the Ministers.

Sometimes they hear the Royal initials always they stem from the Shah's keen eye to a new development.

Today the Shah's chief preoccupation is maintaining stability in his turbulent land so that economic development programmes can be pushed through, paving the way for industrialisation and a higher standard of living.

Stability means that a firm hand is kept on public opinion and political activities of all kinds. The political key to Persia is of course Teheran, the capital. Although martial law has been lifted from most other areas in Persia since Mossadeq's downfall, it remains in the capital.

No opposition political parties can spring up, an opposition press is not permitted and any activities directed against the Shah and his government are stifled by a keen-eyed security force before they can begin.

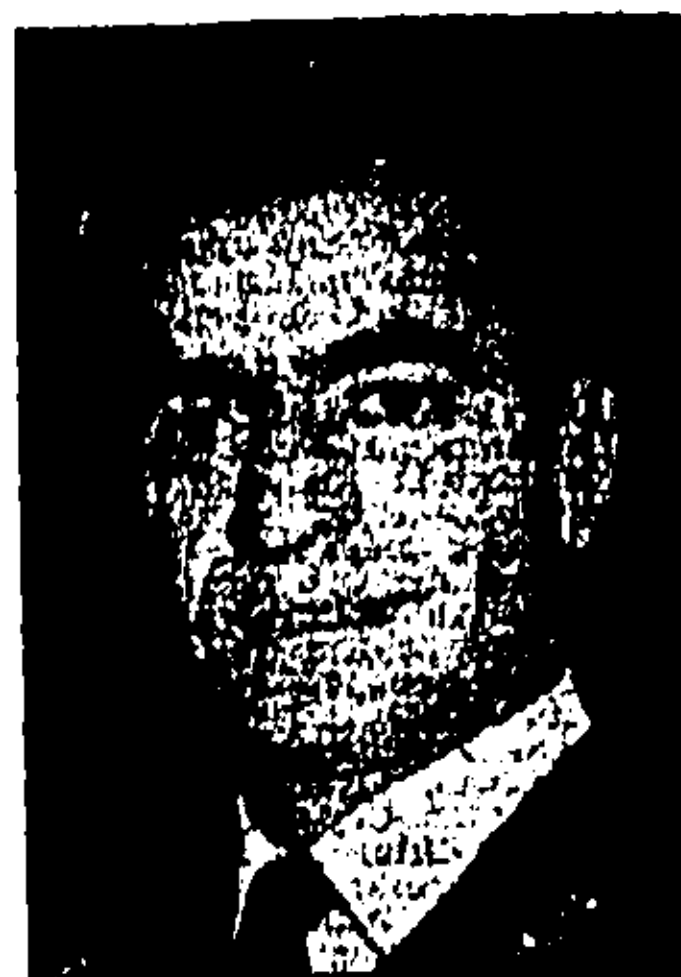
Effective Measures

Today not even the fanatical mullahs have the freedom they would like to enjoy. Their moment of glory, 18 months ago when they fomented disturbances throughout the country as a display of power, has decisively passed. Effective security measures were taken against religious firebrands and today relations between the Moslem Shah and his Islamic hierarchy are correct but can hardly be described as warm.

The Shah's purpose in exerting power in his own hands was clearly to ensure that reforms of all kinds, judicial, economic and political, do not wither away in inactivity or through passive opposition from the ruling group of landowning merchants.

Despite this, there are signs that the reformist zeal which enthused Persia after the Shah's return has begun to dwindle.

One of the most promising Royal gestures in late 1953 and 1954 was the launching of a scheme to distribute land or Royal estates on a larger scale than ever before. Tenant farmers buy the land on a 25-year instalment basis and their contributions go into a bank designed to finance irrigation schemes, co-operative



SHAH OF PERSIA

Despite the Shah's enthusiasm for the project no one has yet followed his example. None of the big, wealthy landowners have abandoned their grip on one square metre of their domains. Even the men chosen to implement the Royal programme have so far refused to follow the Shah's lead.

Land reform—apart from the Shah's gesture—is a dead letter in Persia today, although 80 per cent of the people, and they are the poorest, work on the land.

But if enthusiasm for land distribution as a basic reform seems to be cooling off, two other enthusiasms have taken its place. These are industrialisation and oil.

The Shah is keenly interested in the country's Seven Year Plan of economic development which is to cost some £300,000,000 sterling between now and 1962.

His influence and support are solidly behind the Plan's director, Mr. Abohashan Eshaghi, who has encountered opposition from the ruling class in endeavouring to press through his scheme.

Persia's oil is extracted and owned by an international group of oil companies and from their operations the country derives a handsome revenue which will rise to £100,000,000 sterling annually in a few years' time.

Sealed Lips

But even more income will be needed if economic development is to proceed according to the timetable without bringing in its train even greater sacrifices for the impoverished peasant and labourer.

So, schemes to exploit other suspected oil resources—underwater along the Persian Gulf coast or in the high hills of Baluchistan—preoccupy the Court in Teheran. American oil experts come into and go out of Teheran with sealed lips.

In time Persia's economic reforms will bring in their train industrial reforms. Factories will keep for trade unions; industrialisation will eventually

produce a middle class which is at the moment sorely lacking. But unless someone in Persia has the will and drive to promote political reforms at the same time there is a danger that the people will not be content to wait for a generation or more to see their hopes and dreams realised.

The Shah's role in the coming months and years is therefore crucial for Persia, the Middle East and for those Western countries who rely heavily upon Persian Gulf oil supplies.

Sincere Desire

No-one doubts the Shah's ability or sincere desire for reforms. Those who see him regularly recount that his ambitions are solely bound up in improving the lot of Persia's 14,000,000 rugged, ignorant and distressed peasants.

But can he rapidly overcome the traditional hostility towards reform of the landowning and merchant class who are intent upon preserving their own privileges?

Can he enthuse life into Persia's creeping and cumbersome administrative machine?

Seeming Indifference

Most important of all, can he instil sufficient optimism into his fellow countrymen so that they will be content to wait, and give reformist blueprints the time to materialise?

Persia today seems tranquil enough on the surface. No clouds loom on the horizon. But there is growing apathy and seeming indifference on the part of great numbers of people to the high-sounding reforms so often discussed in the press and Parliament.—China Mail Special.

Cypriot Escaped Captors



George Kotsoula, 21-year-old Cypriot who succeeded in escaping from his British escort in Cairo, pictured after his arrival in Athens.—Express Photo.

Support For Pensioners

Canberra, Sept. 5.

Into the House of Representatives today, Mr. E. J. Ward, Labour, carried a bundle of papers bearing 100,000 signatures to a petition calling on the Government to increase pensions. The bundle was about 18 inches high.

The petition said that the present pension rate to the aged, invalid and widows of a £4 a week was totally inadequate to maintain pensioners in any sort of reasonable comfort.

The petition was received and read.—China Mail Special.

Demonstrators Protest Over Shooting

Dacca, Sept. 5.

The provisional government of East Pakistan lifted its ban on demonstrations today and 15,000 persons paraded through the streets of Dacca to protest against firing on demonstrators by the police on Tuesday.

Six persons were killed when the police opened fire on the demonstrators yesterday as they marched through the city shouting, "Bread, bread." East Pakistan is suffering from a food shortage.

The three-day ban on public demonstrations was rescinded today on the orders of the Chief Minister designate, Ataur Rahman Khan, leader of the Opposition Awami League, who was asked to form a new provisional administration yesterday.

LESS TROUBLE

Mr Khan said he felt there would be less trouble between demonstrators and security forces if the cause of friction were removed.

Reliable sources said President Iskander Mirza would fly to Dacca from Karachi tomorrow for an assessment of the crisis. His trip, they said, is in response to a plea from the Governor of East Pakistan, Fazlul Huq.

A Cabinet Minister was man-handled and smeared with mud by an angry crowd in the streets of Dacca today. He was identified as the Food Minister, A. L. Biswas.

US Committee To Study Foreign Aid

Washington, Sept. 5.

President Eisenhower today appointed Benjamin Fairless, former President of the US Steel Corporation, to head a new committee to study the American foreign aid programme.

Fairless conferred at the White House today with President Eisenhower, Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, Assistant Herbert Hoover Jr and other high government officials.

Presidential press secretary, James Hagerty said the Fairless committee would be charged with making recommendations on the future foreign aid policies of the American Government in the light of the foreign policy and national interests of the United States.

The committee is to make a preliminary report to President Eisenhower on December and a final report in 1957, Hagerty said.—France-Press.

US Ambassador Leaves Egypt

Cairo, Sept. 5.

Mr Henry Byroade, American Ambassador to Egypt since March, 1955, is to leave Cairo on Friday for his new post as American Ambassador to South Africa. It was learned tonight in the Egyptian capital.

Mr Byroade was appointed American Ambassador to South Africa at the time the United States refused to finance the giant Aswan Dam on the Nile.—France-Press.

FOOD WANTED

The Awami League tonight threatened to launch a civil disobedience campaign unless the Federal Government arranged to send 65,000 tons of grain here within a fortnight.

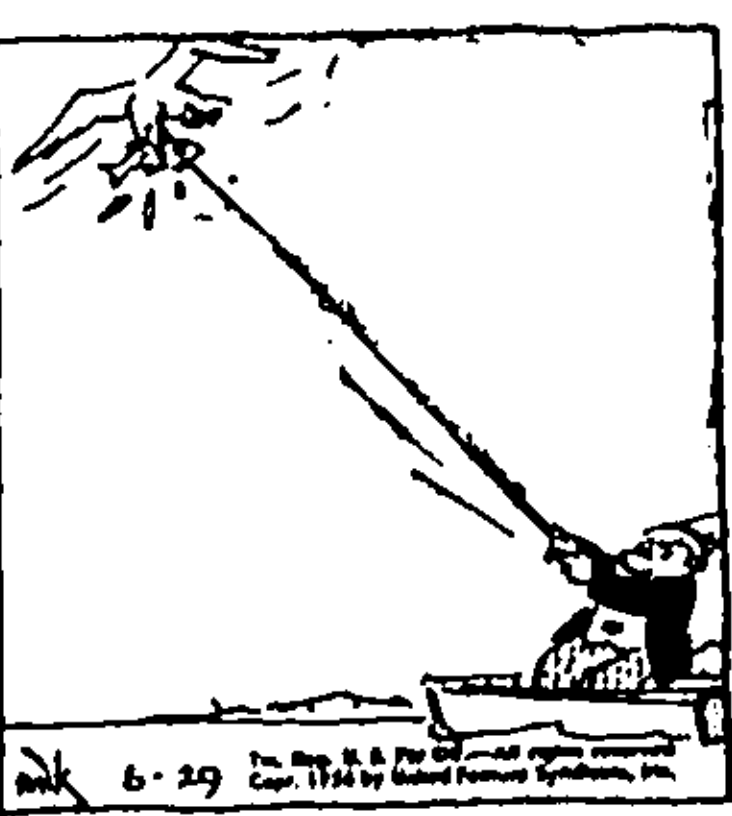
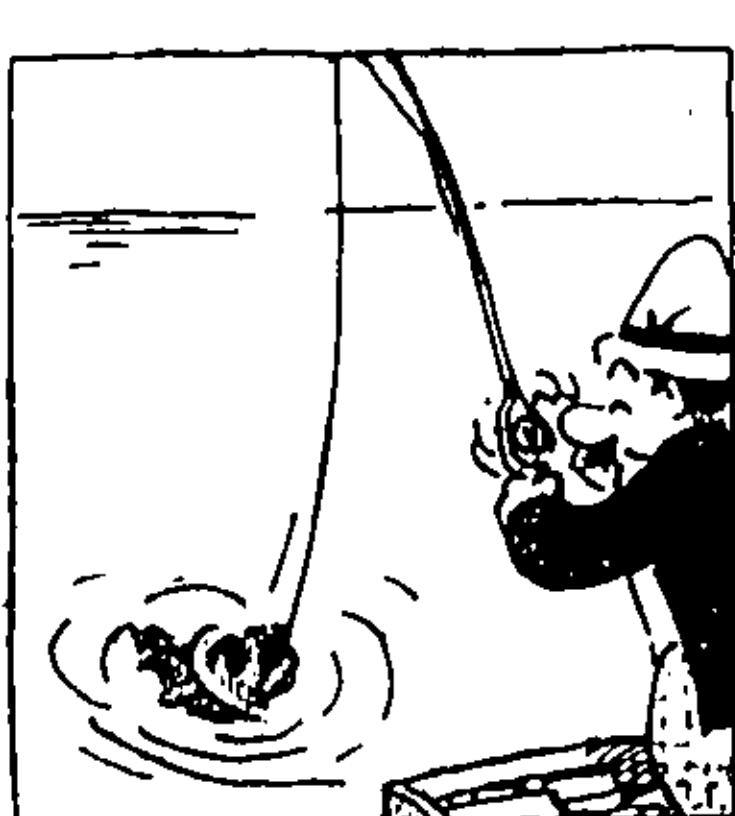
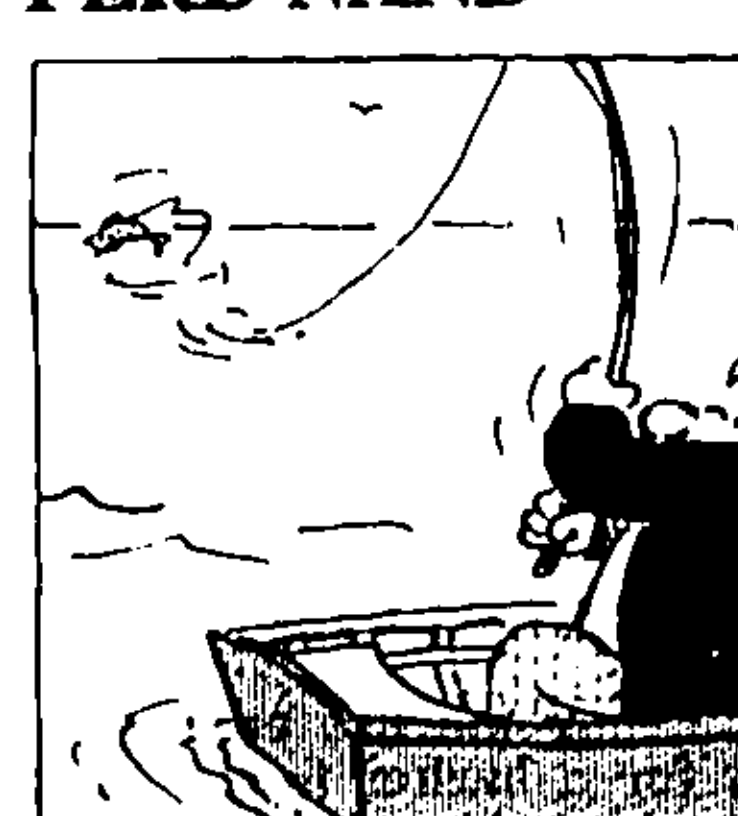
Demonstrators were also reported to have smashed windows of the United States Information Service building in Dacca and assaulted a Central Government minister.—All Agencies.

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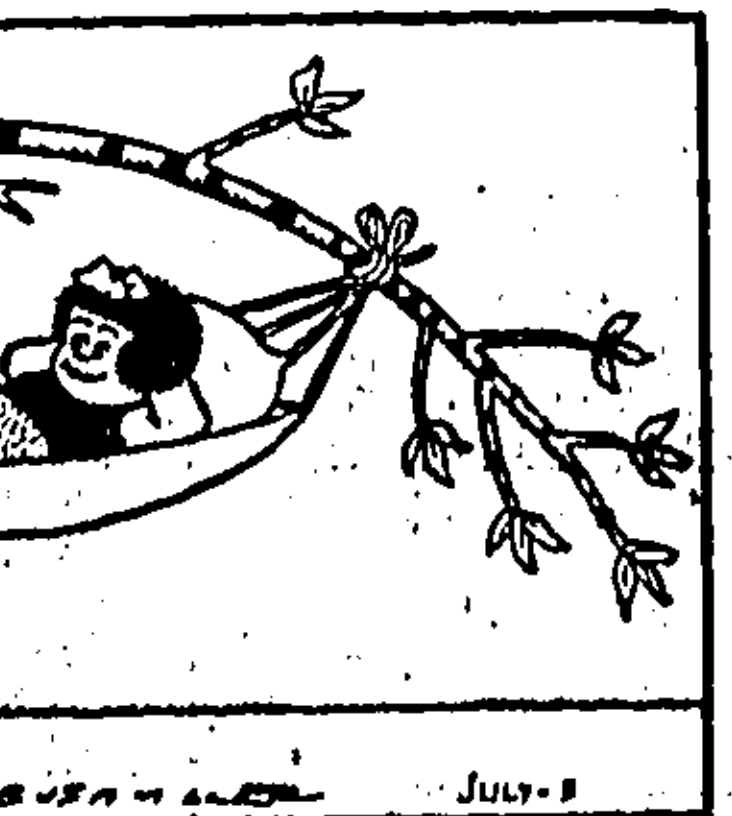
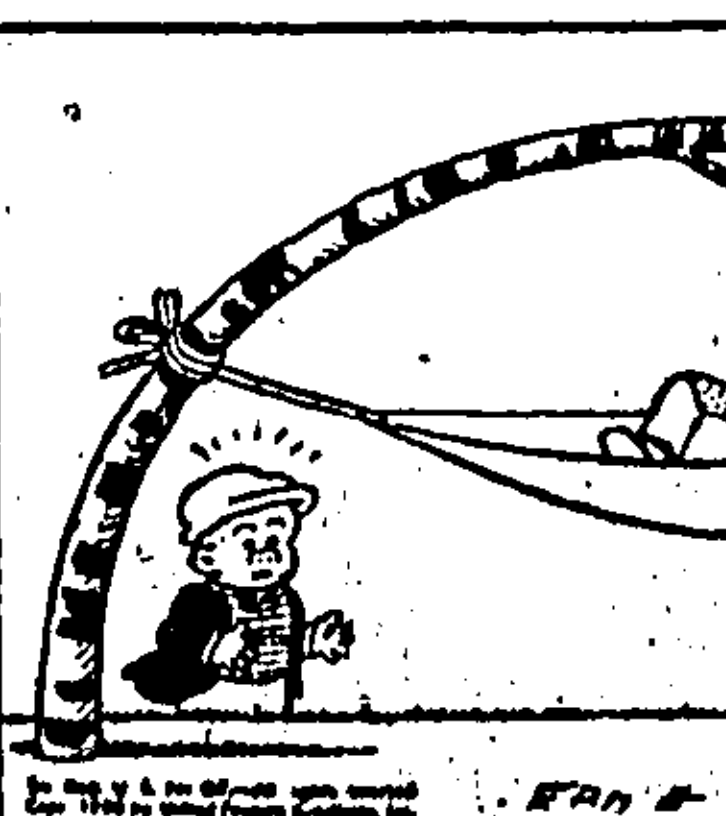


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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Li... For Anthony

ANTHONY was on his way to one of those towns in Wales that an Englishman needs a course in phonetics to pronounce. He meant to catch a night train at Euston and to arrive up there in the mountains in the clear and sparkling early morning.

One trouble with night trains is that they tend to leave you with time on your hands. Anthony found himself in that kind of dilemma, and spent the long evening in public houses, buying another drink when his glass emptied, watching the creeping hands of the clock. They seemed to be suffering from a kind of paralysis.

Closing time came, and Anthony, a tall man in his late thirties, headed for the station. He meant to buy a ticket then sit out the rest of his long wait for the train in the waiting room.

SINGLE TO LI

Anthony rehearsed the little speech he needed to make to the clerk in the booking office. "Single to Li..."

The female Welsh doubtless seemed to put a half-smile on his tongue. He made no progress at all in his rehearsal. It was an awkward predicament. As he decided to let the matter rest for a little while. There still was plenty of time. He sat himself down in the Great Hall. The next thing he remembers is that he was lying on the floor, sleepily, rather than being woken from sleep by a policeman.

MOVE ON

"A SINGLE to Li..." Anthony began, then realised his mistake. The policeman was looking at him. "Are you a traveller?" the policeman was asking. "I'm leaving a job," said Anthony, glad to find he was being addressed in English. "Well, you'd better get up and move on," the policeman said. Anthony rose and shuffled sleepily toward the booking office.

ARRESTED

FIVE minutes later, the policeman found him there. He was fast asleep under one of the counters from which they sell railway tickets to Wales. "You can't sleep here," said the policeman, waking him. Anthony was too tired to argue. "If you're where to go, there's a place that will take you," the policeman said, and meant to lead him to a cell. "I've had enough of these places," Anthony said. "I'm going home." The policeman arrested him for trespassing.

NOT SERIOUS

THE policeman told his story. "Had this man any money on him?" the magistrate asked. "He had £27," Mr. Rose turned to Anthony, and asked what he had to say. "I still intend to go to Li... Wales," said Anthony. "He wasn't a serious nuisance, was he?" the magistrate asked the policeman. "Oh no, sir," the policeman said. "Pay a fine of £5," the magistrate said. "Yes, sir, of course, sir."

50 Hurt In Train Crash

Adelaide, Sept. 5. More than fifty people were injured tonight when two crowded passenger trains collided head-on in the Adelaide suburb of Woodville. Eyewitnesses said both trains—a diesel electric multiple railcar and a three-carriage steam train—blew warning whistles as they bore down on one another. Passengers were hurled from their seats and showered with flying glass when the locomotives collided. Seven ambulances rushed the more seriously injured to hospital. —Reuter.

Conspiracy Trial: Further Cross-Examination

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What matter?—Whether they are right or wrong? You must decide whether the applications were properly drawn up?—Yes and should there be any enquiries he should find out. What kind of enquiries?—I said should there be any. Where there any enquiries in this case?—I don't know. How would you use your solicitor in this matter?—I expected Mr. Armstrong to look after all the affairs of the syndicate, any trouble, etc.

A Magician?

Do you expect him to be a magician? He has to have the information to work on. It was not for me to give him information, because I was just a member.

Who was in a position to give Mr. Armstrong the information necessary for him to act from the end of December?—To my knowledge the syndicate agreed that Hogarth and Mr. Braude would see Mr. Armstrong about matters of the syndicate. I could not ask him anything about it. I did not know anything about it.

Hogarth went to discuss matters with Mr. Armstrong these matters were discussed among the syndicate, but he said that although he was a member he took no part and had nothing to do with the syndicate. He had not even seen a correspondence dealing with the syndicate. He repeatedly asked Mr. Armstrong to produce the files at the meetings, but Mr. Armstrong said that he had too much trouble and he had them in his office. If anyone wished to inspect them.

Patterson denied he had any discussions with Keay when he handed over the applications to him, even though he agreed he knew the importance of having a licence for the buffer strip.

He explained, "I was quite satisfied that our legal side would look after anything."

Mr. Blair-Kerr said that he had difficulty in following Patterson's explanation. He went to see the Superintendent of Mines who had a discretion to issue of withheld licences and yet Patterson did not ask whether they were going to get the licence. There was no question of the legal side because that was only whether or not the application was correct. "Unfortunately, or fortunately, I did not take any interest or interfere with the affairs of the syndicate," said Patterson. "Did it never occur to you how dreadful it would be if Keay exercised his discretion in favour of O'Neill?" asked the Solicitor-General.

Totally Different

"No, I did not worry about it," he replied. Mr. Blair-Kerr: As you did not worry about it when you went to see Keay on February 16 what information did you have then that put your mind at rest about O'Neill?

He then applied for a licence which covered the original area and the buffer strip. Patterson said he heard from someone at the Club of this decision to allow the licence to lapse and his statement to Mr. Keay was merely "yes" or "no" in answer to questions Mr. Keay put. He agreed, however, the statement was read over to him and he signed it as correct, but it was only as far as he could remember. "I can't remember exactly what happened a few months ago. If you ask me what happened last week, I could not tell you," he added.

Mr. Blair-Kerr then put it to him that perhaps he was told about the application by the Bohespis Syndicate for licences, but he did not remember.

Patterson said he was not at the meeting, but he heard something about it somewhere or other.

Patterson in answer to Mr. Blair-Kerr said that he signed the Bohespis agreement on March 21 and on April 20 signed another agreement whereby the Bohespis Syndicate transferred its rights under the two licences (mining and prospecting) to the Mountain Lead Mines Ltd.

Met At Club

He had received his shares in the latter company. They were handed to him in Mr. Armstrong's office on May 1.

Patterson said before attending a meeting on April 23 at Mr. Neade's office, Mr. Hulse, Whitefield and himself had a preliminary get-together in the Sports Club and decided that if the matter was raised they would make certain suggestions in relation to Keay.

He said he understood by this that the syndicate would have to pay compensation to a Chinese for the strip of land. He himself never investigated or went out of his way to find out about this Chinese. "I did not see why I should," Patterson added. He said he had been satisfied with what he had been told. He was satisfied that whoever was looking after the syndicate was looking after the compensation matter.

Mr. Blair-Kerr then turned to a meeting on May 16 at the Sports Club at which Keay, Mr. Jolly, Whitefield and Patterson were present, and recalled that accused had said Keay wrote the name Tsao on the back of an envelope and passed it around.

Asked if he did not think it odd for a Government servant to pass that envelope around in that manner, Patterson replied in the negative. In his opinion, he said, Keay's purpose was to enable those present to know how the name Tsao was spelt.

Strong Objection

Patterson said he had voiced strong objection to the five per cent brokerage commission. Mr. Blair-Kerr recalled that Patterson had said Whitefield reminded those present of the \$25,000 to be paid for the strip of land. Asked if he had any other information about this alleged outstanding debt, up to that point, accused said he had not.

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A Denial

Referring to a meeting in Mr. Armstrong's Office on May 1, Mr. Blair-Kerr said Mr. Armstrong had testified that it was Patterson who suggested that the meeting be held to discuss various outstanding matters. Patterson denied this.

Told by Mr. Blair-Kerr that Mr. Armstrong was never challenged on that, Patterson said he did not remember it. He said he had nothing to do with calling syndicate meetings.

Further questioned on the meeting of May 16 at the Sports Club, Patterson said he understood that the compensation in respect of which the Chinese was mentioned was in relation to the rights to the land.

Patterson said it did not occur to him to suggest to Keay to contact the syndicate's solicitors and enter into a proper agreement in that regard. He said Hogarth was the "mouthpiece" of the syndicate, whereas he was only a member.

Asked about a meeting he had with Hogarth on May 23, Patterson agreed he went to Hogarth's office to discuss a resolution to pay \$25,000 to the Chinese for relinquishing the rights to the prospecting licence.

Patterson agreed he and Hogarth eventually persuaded Mr. Armstrong that it was very difficult to get members of the syndicate to attend a meeting. Mr. Armstrong said the matter had to be settled soon.

'Knew More'

Mr. Armstrong made some alterations to the draft. Patterson said he did not ask him about the alterations, because as a solicitor Mr. Armstrong knew more about setting up a resolution than he did.

Asked what he understood by a prospecting licence, Patterson said he did not know. "I never studied mining or prospecting. No one enlightened me on this subject, I don't deal in mining," he added. Hearing is proceeding.

Mr. Blair-Kerr told Patterson he had said Keay said at the meeting of May 16 that he (Keay) had no receipt and that he stood up, put up his arm and gave his solemn word of honour that he had given the money to the Chinese. Patterson agreed he had said so.

Asked if he did not think it very odd for Keay to do that, Patterson said Keay was being questioned by a friend of his, Mr. Jolly, who had known him (Keay) longer than he did.

He did not ask Keay about the cheque-bills which he (Keay) mentioned that he possessed, accused said. Questioned further on this point, Patterson said he did not telephone anybody this information. There was no reason why he should. He may have discussed it with somebody else at the Sports Club afterwards, but he did not ring up anybody specially to pass on this information. Keay had disclosed.

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Referring to a meeting in Mr. Armstrong's Office on May 1, Mr. Blair-Kerr said Mr. Armstrong had testified that it was Patterson who suggested that the meeting be held to discuss various outstanding matters. Patterson denied this.

Told by Mr. Blair-Kerr that Mr. Armstrong was never challenged on that, Patterson said he did not remember it. He said he had nothing to do with calling syndicate meetings.

Further questioned on the meeting of May 16 at the Sports Club, Patterson said he understood that the compensation in respect of which the Chinese was mentioned was in relation to the rights to the land.

Patterson said it did not occur to him to suggest to Keay to contact the syndicate's solicitors and enter into a proper agreement in that regard. He said Hogarth was the "mouthpiece" of the syndicate, whereas he was only a member.

Asked about a meeting he had with Hogarth on May 23, Patterson agreed he went to Hogarth's office to discuss a resolution to pay \$25,000 to the Chinese for relinquishing the rights to the prospecting licence.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We enjoyed the dinner, Agnes! Ever notice how any old thing tastes wonderful if you don't have to cook it yourself?"

Corruption Charges Quashed By Judge

Six charges of corruption against Chau Chung-sang, managing partner of the Shun Hing Construction Company, Major Donald Peachey and Captain Harry Curtis, both of the Royal Engineers, were quashed by Judge K. R. Macfee at the Victoria District Court this morning when the judge ruled that it had not been established that the two Army officers were "agents" within the meaning of the sections under which the three accused were charged.

Judge Macfee ruled that there was a prima facie case against all accused on the charge of conspiracy.

Three of the corruption charges were against Chau for allegedly giving Major Peachey money on two occasions and Captain Curtis on one occasion as an inducement or reward for the construction company and Chau in relation to certain contracts in which Her Majesty's War Department was concerned. Two of the charges were against Major Peachey and the remaining one against Captain Curtis.

Chau is represented by Mr. Patrick Y. Yung, instructed by Messrs. Y. Yung, Zimmerman and Co. The two officers are represented by Mr. J. C. B. Slack, of Messrs. Hastings.

Mr. John Hobley, Crown Counsel, is appearing for the Prosecution.

THE JUDGMENT

In his judgment, Judge Macfee referred to the various arguments by the Defence and Crown Counsel on the meaning of "agent" in connection with the corruption charges.

Having dealt with the Hongkong Ordinance, Judge Macfee said he was far from satisfied that it was sufficiently clear that Army officers were within the purview of the ordinance. "Whether the draftsman thought that 'public servant' for the purpose of Hongkong law was synonymous as a person serving under the Crown in English law I do not know, and as Mr. Hobley rightly points out, it is not the function of this Court to speculate."

Mail Notices

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Middle East, Europe, (Netherlands & Germany, parcels direct), 3 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
Thailand, Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 a.m.
Germany, 10 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 11 a.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Indo-China, France, 2 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 2 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 2 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Malaya, 7 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 7 a.m.
India, Pakistan via Karachi, 2 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kwantung, 7 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, Noon
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
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China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Formosa, 11 a.m.
Malaya, 11 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 11 a.m.
India, Pakistan via Karachi, 2 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
Macao, 1 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 5 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Stock Market Report; 6.08, "Stories and Rhymes" for children; 6.15, "The Pantomime" (BBC); 6.30, "Here is Dickie Valentine" with the Sky-Team; 6.45, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 7.00, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 7.15, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 7.30, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 7.45, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 8.00, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 8.15, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 8.30, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 8.45, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 9.00, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 9.15, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 9.30, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 9.45, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 10.00, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 10.15, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 10.30, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 10.45, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 11.00, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 11.15, "The World of the Pantomime" (BBC); 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